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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Smith

Serial No.: 09/371,588

Filed: August 10, 1999


For: Compact Optical Tracking  
System for Magnetic Tape

§ Group Art Unit: 2651  
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§ Examiner: Sniezek, Andrew L.  
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§ Attorney Docket No.: 99-038-TAP  
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In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Listing of Claims** begins on **page 2** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on **page 6** of this paper.